



## Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

Docket Number: 0942.4060000

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Apparatus And Method For Drying Solutions Containing Macromolecules, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

- was filed on January 12, 1998,  
as United States Application Number 09/005,477.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application, which designated at least one country other than the United States listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

### Prior Foreign Application(s)

(Application No.)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

(Application No.)	(Filing Date)
_____	_____
_____	_____

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or under § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

(Application No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status - patented, pending, abandoned)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

Robert G. Sterne, Esq., Reg. No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esq., Reg. No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esq., Reg. No. 29,021; Samuel L. Fox, Esq., Reg. No. 30,353; David K.S. Cornwell, Esq., Reg. No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esq., Reg. No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esq., Reg. No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esq., Reg. No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esq., Reg. No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Esq., Reg. No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esq., Reg. No. 36,688; and Michael Q. Lee, Esq., Reg. No. 35,239.

Send Correspondence to:

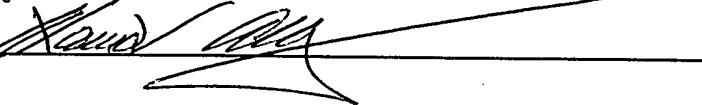
STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.  
1100 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Suite 600  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934

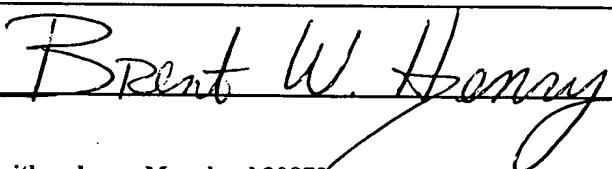
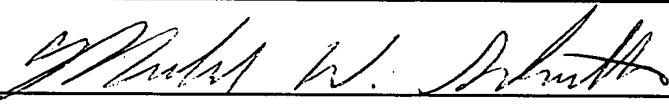
Direct Telephone Calls to:

(202) 371-2600

D

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor	5/11/88	
<u>Abdul H. Ally</u>	Date	
Inventor's signature		
Residence	13905 Darnestown Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878	
Citizenship	U.S.A.	
Post Office Address	Same As Above	

Full name of second inventor		
<b>Brent W. Henry</b>		
Second inventor's signature		Date <i>5/11/98</i>
Residence		
<b>1103 Knoll Mist Lane, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879</b>		
Citizenship		
<b>U.S.A.</b>		
Post Office Address		
<b>Same As Above</b>		
Full name of third inventor		
<b>Michael W. Schuette</b>		Date <i>5/11/98</i>
Third inventor's signature		
Residence		
<b>912 Park Street, S.E., Vienna, Virginia 22180</b>		
Citizenship		
<b>U.S.A.</b>		
Post Office Address		
<b>Same As Above</b>		

(Supply similar information and signature for subsequent joint inventors, if any)

PEG:alw  
P:\USERS\AWIMMER\PEG\0942406.doc.wpd